CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:
counting an untransmitted frame;
determining a silence description frame; and
storing a silence description frame.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving an active frame; and
storing the active frame.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising decoding a file comprising an active frame and a silence description frame.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a packet describing comfortable noise.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining an untransmitted frame represents a silence frame.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence of frames comprises a silence frame.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises selecting a size of the silence description frame equivalent to the size of an active frame.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to an active frame.

11. An apparatus, comprising:

a network interface; and

a silence description frame filer coupled to said network interface; and

a data storage device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a decoder to decode a file comprising an active frame and a silence description frame.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network interface comprises a packet-switching interface.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor coupled to said data storage device.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to count an untransmitted frame.

16. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to determine a silence description frame.

17. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a data storage controller coupled to said silence description frame filer.

18. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a memory device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

19. A system, comprising:

a variable-size packet transmitter; and

a silence description frame filer coupled to said variable-size packet transmitter.

20. The system of claim 19, further comprising a decoder coupled to an output device.

21. The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode active audio in a fixed-size packet.

22. The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode a video difference in a fixed-size packet.

23. The system of claim 19, wherein said untransmitted-frame determiner comprises microprocessor to store a silence description frame.

24. A machine-readable medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations, comprising:

counting an untransmitted frame;

determining a silence description frame; and

storing the silence description frame.

25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 further comprising:

receiving an active frame;

storing the active frame;

26. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence comprises a silence frame.

27. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.

28. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a silence description frame comprises selecting a size of the silence description frame equivalent to the size of an active frame.

29. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.

30. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to an active frame.